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I am commenting to voice my support of the VEC's request to drop the code requirement from the amateur radio exams for two reasons. Number one I agree that for both the VEC's and the examinee's it is a burden and a hinderance. Being a candidate for both a technician no code liscense and a GMRS liscense pursuer and a member of the ARRL i have seen that the morse code requirement has served as a road block for the upper class liscense brackets for some time, causing most to become complacent with their lower status and limiting the usable bands in an emergency. Second I would like to cite that the World radio conference has unanimously called the morse requirement a governmental descision as whether to keep or toss the testing quota. Since the WRC-03's descision eight countries to date have dropped the requirement and allowed the liscensing classes to integrate and allow HF bands for everyone to use. If our neighbor canada opts to disban the code requirement i feel it is in our best interest to follow suit, if not then we should by all means fllow the status quo and not harm our effective communications by disallowing use of HF to every one... Keep the knowledge tests, loose the code...